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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
(Claiming Priority to German Appl. No. DE 102 33 507.9)
Appl. No.: to be assigned
Filed: herewith
Title: **Process for Monoalkylation of C-H
Acidic Methylene Groups**
Inventor(s): Bodmann, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/80401

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Patent Application entitled:

**PROCESS FOR MONOALKYLATION OF C-H
ACIDIC METHYLENE GROUPS**

and naming as inventor(s): Kerstin Bodmann
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the application comprising:

12 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-12);
5 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 13-17); and
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 18);

2. Submission of Priority Document in Accordance with the Requirements of Rule 55; and
3. Two (2) return postcards.

This application claims the benefit of German application no. DE 102 33 507.9, filed July 24, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Fee Calculation

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Filing Fee					750.00
Total Claims Fee	58	20=	38	\$ 18.00	684.00
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Multiple Dependent Claims Fee				\$ 280.00	280.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					1,714.00

The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without Declaration and without filing fee.

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